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Meaning of BARRIER

Pronunciation: 'bareeur

WordNet Dictionary

- Definition:**
1. [n] a structure or object that impedes free movement
 2. [n] any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective is a barrier to understanding"
 3. [n] anything serving to maintain separation by obstructing vision or access

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Synonyms: roadblock

See Also: balusters, balustrade, banister, bannister, bar, barricade, blood-brain barrier, breakwater, bulwarks, crash barrier, curtain, dam, dike, dyke, fence, fencing, fender, grate, grating, guardrail, handrail, hurdle, ideological barrier, impediment, impedimenta, jetty, language barrier, leveling mechanism, mole, movable barrier, obstacle, obstructor, obstruction, obstructive, railing, revetment, roadblock, seawall, starting gate, starting stalls, wing

Webster's 1913 Dictionary

Definition: \Bar"ri*er\, n. [OE. barrere, barere, F. barri[`e]re,

fr. barre bar. See {Bar}, n.]

1. (Fort.) A carpentry obstruction, stockade, or other obstacle made in a passage in order to stop an enemy.
2. A fortress or fortified town, on the frontier of a country, commanding an avenue of approach.
3. pl. A fence or railing to mark the limits of a place, or to keep back a crowd.

No sooner were the barriers opened, than he paced
into the lists. --Sir W.
Scott.

4. An any obstruction; anything which hinders approach or attack. ``Constitutional barriers.''' --Hopkinson.
5. Any limit or boundary; a line of separation.

'Twixt that [instinct] and reason, what a nice
barrier ! --Pope.

{Barrier gate}, a heavy gate to close the opening through a barrier.

{Barrier reef}, a form of coral reef which runs in the general direction of the shore, and incloses a lagoon channel more or less extensive.

{To fight at barriers}, to fight with a barrier between, as a martial exercise. [Obs.]

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Dream Dictionary

Definition: Dreaming of a barrier represents an obstacle to emotional growth. You may feel hindered in expressing yourself. The dream may also indicate your resistance to change.

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Thesaurus Terms

Related Terms: abatis, advanced work, arch dam, backstop, balustraria, balustrade, bamboo curtain, bank, bar, barbed-wire entanglement, barbican, barrage, barricade, bartizan, bastion, battlement, dam, beaver dam, blank wall, blind alley, blind gut, block, blockade, blockage, bolt, boom, boundary, brattice, breakwater, breastwork, brick wall, buffer, buffer state, bulkhead, bulw, casemate, cecum, cheval-de-frise, choking, choking off, circumvallation, clog, cloison, coffe, collision mat, congestion, constipation, contravallation, costiveness, counterscarp, cul-de-sac, cushion, dam, dead end, defense, demibastion, diaphragm, dike, dissepiment, ditch, dividing wall, division, drawbridge, earthwork, embankment, embolism, embolus, enclosure, entanglement, escarp, escarpment, fence, fender, fieldwork, fortalice, fortification, frontier, gorge, gravity dam, groin, ha-ha, hindrance, hydraulic-fill dam, impasse, impediment, infall, interseptum, iron curtain, jam, jetty, leaping weir, levee, limit, lock, logjam, loophole, lune, machicolation, mantelet, mat, merlon, midriff, midsection, milldam, moat, mole, mound, ob, obstipation, obstruction, outwork, pad, padlock, palisade, panel, parados, parapet, paries, party wall, portcullis, postern gate, property line, rail, railing, rampart, ravelin, redan, redo, roadblock, rock-fill dam, sally port, scarp, sconce, sealing off, seawall, separation, septulun, shock pad, shutter dam, stockade, stone wall, stop, stoppage, strangulation, tenaille, vallat, wall, weir, wicket dam, work


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Definitions of **barrier** on the Web:

a structure or object that impedes free movement
www.cogsci.princeton.edu/cgi-bin/webwn

any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective; "intolerance is a barrier to understanding"
www.cogsci.princeton.edu/cgi-bin/webwn

anything serving to maintain separation by obstructing vision or access
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Radiation-absorbing material, such as lead or concrete, used to reduce radiation exposure. A primary barrier attenuates useful beam to the required degree. A secondary barrier attenuates stray radiation to the required degree.
www2.slac.stanford.edu/vvc/glossary.html

Point of synchronization for multiple simultaneous processes. Each process reaches the barrier, and then waits until all of the other processes have reached that same barrier before proceeding.
www.tc.cornell.edu/Services/Edu/Topics/Glossary/index.asp

(n.) A point in a program at which barrier synchronization occurs. See also fuzzy barrier.
www.npac.syr.edu/nse/hpccgloss/hpccgloss.html

A point in a parallel program where all processors participating in the barrier synchronise, ie. block until all have reached the barrier before continuing.
www.epcc.ed.ac.uk/HPCinfo/glossary.html

A memory barrier is an instruction on certain processor architectures that will ensure certain guarantees about the order of accesses to memory. Some processor architectures, such as the Alpha AXP, make very few guarantees about the relative orders of load and store(1) operations in the instruction stream and the actual order of accesses to main memory. These architectures will often have special instructions that make stronger guarantees. For example Alpha AXP has the MB instruction which will: Guarantee that all subsequent loads or stores will not access memory until after all previous loads and stores have accessed memory, as observed by other processors. These instructions are vital for certain synchronization operations.
www.memorymanagement.org/glossary/b.html

A permanent partition installed in a cable raceway or housing that provides complete separation of the adjacent compartment.
www.rvcomp.com/wiring/EIA/glossary.htm

A synchronization mechanism applied to groups of processes, with the property that no process in the group may pass the barrier until all processes in the group have reached the barrier. In other words, processes arriving at the barrier suspend or block until all processes have arrived; they may then all proceed.
www.cise.ufl.edu/research/ParallelPatterns/PatternLanguage/Background/Glossary.htm

Collective operation used to synchronize the execution of processes. MPI_Barrier blocks the calling

process until all receiving processes have called it. This is a useful approach for separating two stages of a computation so messages from each stage are not overlapped.
www.nacs.uci.edu/computing/hpc/docs/hpmpi/doc/html/glossary.html

A physical block or impediment to the movement or migration of fish, such as a waterfall (natural barrier) or a dam (man-made barrier).
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswater/rivers/glossaryleft.htm

Barriers are natural or man-made diversion structures that prevent a plant or animal from moving across an otherwise permeable area. Barriers can be physical obstructions that physically prevent movement (such as walls or fences), or they can be behavioral obstructions that prevent movement due to a perception of danger or risk (for example, areas with substantial human activity or habitat transitions such as a forest edge). (1)
www.wildlifecrossings.info/glossary.htm

Natural or artificial shield to protect against the dispersion of radioactive materials and against ionizing radiation. See also multiple barrier principle.
www.nirond.be/engels/4_jargon_eng.html

The function of a barrier is to control the water level. It consists of a combination of concrete or a steel structure with or without adjacent rockfill
coast.geog.uu.nl/glossary.htm

A location in a program at which all PEs (or tasks) must stop until the final PE arrives. A barrier synchronizes the PEs and prevents situations such as having one PE reading a memory location that does not have the correct data yet.
www.cray.com/craydoc/manuals/004-2518-002/html-004-2518-002/zglossaryqkdxjklv.html

Something that bars or keeps out. Barrier pillars are solid blocks of coal left between two mines or sections of a mine to prevent accidents due to intrushes of water, gas, or from explosions or a mine fire.
www.surfacemining.ky.gov/glossary.htm

A material that when placed around a source of noise inhibits the transmission of that noise beyond the barrier. Also, anything physical or an environment that interferes with communication or listening e.g., a poor acoustical environment can be a barrier to good listening and especially so for persons with a hearing impairment.
www.quietnoise.com/glossary.htm

is a point in a scale of rates beyond which progression is contingent upon meeting specified standards of proficiency and performance (barrière);
www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pubs_pol/hrpubs/TBM_11A/2_E.asp

Any obstruction to the spread of fire. Typically an area of strip or combustible fuel.
www.fs.fed.us/r2/fio/dict.htm

A partition for the insulation or isolation of electric circuits or electric arcs.
www.ilnorplex.com/glossary.htm

A fence, wall or railing to prevent passage or approach.(2)
www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/logging_advisor/glossary/glossary.html

Any obstruction to the spread of fire; typically an area or strip devoid of flammable fuel such as a creek, field or rock outcrop.
www.pfmt.org/fire/glossary.htm

physical separator between elements erected for specific purposes such as blocking noise or

channeling traffic (see also: noise barrier; sound barrier; traffic barrier).

www.i25trinidad.com/glossary.html

Impermeable to the liquid or gas phases of most chemicals and reagents.

www.ampef.com/gloss.html

Any material, structure, or condition (as a thermal barrier) that prevents or substantially delays the movement of water or radionuclides. See natural barrier.

www.ymp.gov/documents/feis_2/glossary.htm

Prevents a thread from progressing beyond a certain point until all threads have reached that point.

www.testbuilder.net/releases/doc/TestBuilder-01.30-s006/doc/testbuilderusr/tbuglossary.html

Any trait a consumer has which limits gaining or maintaining employment. Common barriers include: no high school diploma, financial disincentive, sensory impairment, paralysis/lack of motor control, etc.

www.nationalresultsCouncil.org/glossary.htm

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